

LONG SUTTON AND LONG LOAD NEWSLETTER –

May 2018

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Date	Long Sutton & Long Load Calendar	
5 th	10.30am	Coffee morning in the Church
6 th	6.30pm	Evening Prayer
9 th	7.45pm	Gardening club LSVH
12 th	10.00am	Gardening club plant sale
13 th	8.00am	Holy Communion
	11.00am	Second Sunday Service - LS School
16 th	10.00am	Corporate Communion – LS Church
17 th	7.30pm	WI LSVH
20 th	10.30am	Benefice service at Muchelney
	4.00pm	Pentecost Joint Benefice Service at All Saints Langport
27 th	11.00	Feast of Title Holy Communion

Flowers & Brasses Rota

May 5 th	Mrs Brand	Mrs R Cox & Mrs Shepard
May 12 th	WI Flower Festival	
May 19 th	Mrs Brand	
May 26 th	Mrs McTernan	
June 2 nd	Mrs McTernan	Mrs Bond and Mrs Ellerbeck

Coffee Mornings in the Church

It was good to get back to normal after the March 'snow break'. It was clear from many personal stories that the work of the Stroke Association is so important. The event raised £538 for the charity.

Future events:

- **On Saturday, 5th May** we will be raising funds for Men's Sheds (Somerset Levels and Moors Sheds : SLaMs). Men's Sheds are community spaces for men to connect, talk and work on their own projects. The activities are often similar to those undertaken in garden sheds but for groups of men to enjoy together. They help to reduce loneliness and isolation and to give a sense of purpose. The Somerset Sheds has recently moved to a new shed in Bridgwater where they have a ten year lease.
- **On Saturday, 2nd June** we will have our annual coffee morning in aid of Holy Trinity Church Funds. The unavoidable costs of maintaining our beautiful church are considerable and this event makes a valued contribution.

Long Sutton W.I.

SOMERSET DAY - 12TH MAY 2018

Long Sutton WI are organising another Somerset Day Food and Craft Fair in the Village Hall on Saturday 12th May opening at 1.00pm. We have a range of stalls displaying all the styles of crafts available in Somerset plus a selection of fine foods. Lunch items will be available from Burns the Bread Stall and tea will be served during the afternoon courtesy of Long Sutton WI. Scrumptious food all round! At the same time, from 1.00pm, but in Holy Trinity Church Long Sutton, a Centenary Flower Festival is taking place to celebrate 100 years of the WI in Somerset. Several local WI's are taking part in this Festival. Both these events are well worth visiting and we do hope many of you will join us to acknowledge the wonders of the beautiful county we are so proud to live in.

Long Sutton WI News

At our March meeting Sara Jerman, one of our members, gave a very interesting talk about the World Horse Welfare Centre, where she is Yard Manager. It is one of four Glenda Spooner Trust Centres in Britain playing a most important role rescuing neglected or abused horses. After assessment a

rehabilitation programme begins with the aim to rehome all animals. A group of us enjoyed a guided tour (later) and saw the amazing facilities, met some of the horses and witnessed the passion and commitment of staff and volunteers. We encourage anyone who has not yet been, to go and visit, walk round the grounds and enjoy a snack in the Bistro.

Also in March fifteen of us visited John Boyd Textiles in Castle Cary, one of only two factories in the world manufacturing horsehair fabric. Using original, noisy, motor driven machines, a small workforce produces amazing material. To keep machines operational parts are made by hand on site. We were shown all processes - from imported horsetail bundles, dyeing, preparation of warp threads on large rollers, transfer of these upstairs in metal tubes, weaving on huge looms, to the top floor where rolls of fabric wait for orders and dispatch. The beautiful, strong fabric is used in upholstery, screens and handbags. An amazing factory where you step back in time. Our day continued with lunch at Cole Manor Tea Rooms near Bruton which wowed us all and guarantees return visits!

This month we celebrate Somerset in style with our Food and Craft Fair and Flower Festival. Please come along with family and friends.

Our AGM is on May 17th with fish and chip supper. On May 24th we go to Midelney Manor for tour and tea and at the June meeting we'll be belly dancing and decorating our bras!

Mothers Union

MAY 16TH Corporate Communion @ Long Sutton Church

Long Sutton C of E Primary School and Toybox pre-school

Ofsted

Mrs Reynolds- Head teacher writes:

We are really pleased with our recent from Ofsted inspection which concluded that we remain a 'Good' school and that we have achieved well in all areas since their last visit. As a school we are really pleased that the report reflects how we feel about the school and highlights the things we think are really important. There are a few key points I would like to re-share with you, that I feel really showed that the inspector had understood our school.

'Everyone associated with the school rightly identifies the positive relationships between leaders, staff, parents and carers and children, which help all children to make at least good progress.'

I just wanted to share a quote from one of our parents that really made my day, 'it is a hidden gem and a credit to all involved'. These are the words we need to spread about our school to encourage new families to join us.

The report will be on the Ofsted site and our website soon if you have not yet seen it.

We are currently running our annual poetry competition – the Hardy Memorial Poetry Prize which encourages to write creatively and has produced poetry of a high standard.

We are delighted with the new multi-coloured tables and benches for the playground which recently arrived. We were able to purchase these due to the hard work of the PTFA's fund raising (The Father Christmas Float) and the kind donation from Harry's Cider, following the Wassailing event.

If you are attending the Bath and West show at half term please look out for the children's artwork in the Village School tent.

Our 'Music Buddies' group for 0-4 year olds continues every Monday from **9.30 am** until 11am, **term times only**, which includes a sing, play and snack in the school hall. It costs £2.00 for the first child, £1.00 for other siblings. All welcome. If you would like to find out more about our fantastic school do get in contact and come and visit. We have spaces in all year groups including the pre-school with wrap around care from

7.45 to 5.45. Toy Box pre-school is now open all day from 8.45 to 3.15 and parents are able to access the wrap around care too. Contact us on 01458 241434, longsuttonprimary@educ.somerset.gov.uk, Website: <http://www.longsuttonprimaryschool.co.uk> Facebook: @LongSuttonPrimarySchool Twitter: @longsuttonsch

Long Sutton Gardening Club

Stephen Fox: Yeovil in Bloom
Flower competition
Teas: Wendy Doggrel, Marian Draper, Pearl Lovell

FOLSC into Summer

When these words are read 'Elvis' and 'the Bassetts Allsorts' will have been and gone and as ever we will have had a fantastic evening, with our guests no doubt being 'All Shook Up'! But you will have to await next month's edition to read the full event report. Whilst we have your attention, however, and whilst a good way off (as we patiently await the arrival of Spring), make a note of our late summer event. This year we are ringing the changes and rather than organising the traditional mid-summer party we are going instead for a picnic in the park (by kind permission of the Long Sutton Village School) and the amazing **Pantaloon Theatre Company** will be performing for us with their unique interpretation of 'As You Like It' on **Saturday 8th September**. More details in due course but please make a note of the date now, get a party together and join us for an evening of theatre, dance, song and not a little hilarity! Finally, if you are new to our community and have not 'road tested' a FOLSC event yet, please come along to our next outing. Even better would be to join us and consider becoming a member. Single membership is a modest £15, whilst for the whole family it is just £25 per annum. We are a registered charity and all monies raised go towards the fighting fund to maintain Holy Trinity Church, Long Sutton, the focal point of the village, to be enjoyed by our generation and for the generations to come. Membership forms are available on the FOLSC notice board at the entrance to the church. Later this year we have the Quinquennial survey due once again. Whilst we hope it reveals no hidden surprises, if it does, then we are here to help and we can't do that without the continuing support of our members and those living in the wider local community.

FRIENDLY SOCIETY 200 YEAR OLD CELEBRATION

Don't forget **BEER & CIDER FESTIVAL VILLAGE HALL MAY 5TH FROM 3.00pm -11.30pm** Live music and Pig Roast available during the evening.
Open to all admission on door proceeds to Air Ambulance and Village School

FRIENDLY SOCIETY WALK

This year's walk is on Saturday June 2 roll call at 8.45 am village hall followed by service at Holy Trinity Church. This year's walk takes in the hamlet of Knole.
We look forward to seeing many of our supporters and friends on the day.

The Pilates and Fitness Studio

A Pilates and Fitness Studio is now open at Brook Farm, Long Sutton.
Offering small group Pilates and Purestretch classes or one to one/two sessions.
For more information call or text Amanda on 07979767371 or email info@pafstudio.co.uk

'History of Art; the Bigger Picture'

with **Joanna Cobb, MA**, independent art historian, lecturer and researcher. **Wednesday 16th May, 7-9 pm, Long Sutton Village Hall**. This month's lecture is entitled 'The Eye of the Beholder. The Expansion of Public Art Spaces from Gainsborough in London to the Met in New York, via St. Petersburg'. The series can be joined at any time, so no problem if you have missed previous lectures and no

obligation to book the whole series. The series continues monthly in the summer and autumn terms, ending in November with 'Art of the Great War across the Divide' to coincide with the centenary of the armistice in 1918. Tickets £8 per person or £15 for two people to include a fully illustrated lecture, refreshments and handouts. **Bookable in advance or on the door.** These lectures are also available at West Street Church Somerset. **I am also presenting a new series on women artists** in Somerton and Glastonbury. For more information about either series please feel free to contact me on **01458 832178** or ericjoanna@waitrose.com

Long Sutton Parish Council

A vacancy exists on the Parish Council. Would anyone interested in becoming a Parish Councillor, or requiring further information. Please contact the Parish Clerk, Mrs Paula Allen. Email: clerk@longsutton.org.uk. Telephone 01460 241497.

THE CHILDREN'S SOCIETY

Thank you to all collection box holders who this year Have raised the Grand Total of £619.55.
Jean Tulk.

LONG LOAD

CRAFTY LADY's CLUB DATES 2018

Long Load Village Hall 2 pm – 4:30pm
WEDNESDAY 9TH MAY
Origami

WEDNESDAY 13TH JUNE
China Painting

Please book your place with Marsha

**Please contact Marsha for Bookings 01458 241415
or email Marsha.White2@btinternet.com**

Ashtanga Yoga with Anna

Thursdays [term time] at Long Load Village Hall 7:45-9:00 pm £7;50 drop in or £36 for block 6 sessions. Suitable all ages. Learn to unwind, strengthen your body , settle your mind and energize your soul! Contact Anna 079807589

Health and Wellbeing Group

Wednesday April 25th 2:00- 4:00 pm Gentle exercise for mind and body plus tea and biscuits and some fun.

Good Friday Walk

Congratulations to all the people (and dogs) who braved the mud and the rain to take part in the Good Friday Walk. Fortified by Hot Cross Buns we ventured out for a gentle stroll along the river bank. On our return there was welcome hot soup waiting for us. Thanks to those who stayed behind to tend the soup. It proved to be an enjoyable morning, despite the weather. A collection raised £50 for St Margaret's Hospice.

Summer Event

The summer event to celebrate the work that has been done on the Hall will take place on the 6th and 7th of July. In addition to the renovation work on the building, there has been a project to gather information on the heritage of the hall and the village. Results from the project will be on display. More details of the event will be available nearer to the date.

Annual Show

The Annual Show will take place on Saturday 1st September. As usual there will be classes for flowers, fruit and vegetables as well as photography and handicrafts. There is plenty of time to start planning your exhibits. May the weather be with you!

Items for the May newsletter to Lieve Cousins, Spring House, Shute Lane, Long Sutton TA10 9LU or preferably by email to lsnewsletter@btinternet.com by 12th April please. For more information call 01458 241450